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PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President. A question or two or Senator Bereuter please.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes sir.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Bereuter, the language you refer to refers to control of advertizing along the Interstate. Actually you do not intend to control it. We are really in effect wiping out advertizing along the Interstate Highway. Is that not true?

SENATOR BEREUTER: That is correct, to comply with existing and now the new federal law which was passed January 4th.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Does it affect any roads ... any highways other than the Interstate?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes it does. It affects all primary roads, primary system roads as well. That's current within 660 feet. That's already on the books. Now what the January act of the Congress did was it moved it beyond 660 feet but visable for both the Interstate and the primary system.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then the original agreement was that it would be controlled within 660 feet, but that has now been extended to as far as the eye can see? Is that right?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes sir.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Is there any assurance on the part of the federal government that they will not come up with even further restrictions in regard to the use of funds as it affects other roads in the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR BEREUTER: No, Senator Schmit. There's no assurance typically given like that. It's possible. I can't see how they could make any more limitations on signs though, because they will have taken, eventually within five years, all of them down across the nation.

SENATOR SCHMIT: All of the signs along the Interstate Highway and along the primary roads will be gone?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Except informational signs and logo type signs which Senator George's amendment just permitted to put on the intersection. Those are permitted under the federal Act.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Do you have any idea that they might extend this control to county roads, township roads?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I haven't heard anything about that, Senator Schmit. Your guess is as good as mine.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Past experience would indicate that they will not stop at this level. Is that not right?